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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

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It has come to my attention that attorneys for the Los Angeles Times have raised serious concerns about two separate incidents that occurred earlier this year in which reporters for the newspaper were ordered off the premises of King-Harbor Hospital when they attempted to conduct interviews in public areas of this public hospital. In the most recent case, the attorneys assert that the reporter neither misrepresented himself nor attempted to interview anyone in a restricted area. They assert that nothing about his presence or his conduct was disruptive, nor did any patients complain about any disclosure of "private" information."

The Department of Health Services reportedly has claimed that DHS policies preclude media access unless arranged in advance. These incidents, and any applicable policies, warrant further explanation.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board direct DHS officials to report to the Board on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 on the circumstances of these incidents, the Department's response, and the policy and legal basis for the Department's actions.

JB: DHS media access

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